

Judicial

Court of Appeals

An increase of \$882,000 from the state general fund is provided to the Court of Appeals. A new Court of Appeals judge position and support staff are provided to address the backlog of cases experienced in Division III, in Spokane. Two new law clerks and a judicial secretary will support the new judge. Additional non-judicial staff are provided to address increasing workloads in Division I, Seattle and Division II, Tacoma. Other cost increases are also recognized in the Court of Appeals budget.

Office of the Administrator for the Courts

The amount of \$6.3 million from the Judicial Information System Account is provided for improvements to the various information processing systems comprising the Judicial Information System (JIS). The goal of the Judicial Information System is to integrate the component systems so that judicial decision makers, law enforcement, and other users have access to comprehensive information regarding individuals and activities in the state's judicial system, regardless of court jurisdiction. Improvements include: replacement of aging equipment in local courts; upgrading of the mainframe computer; integration of the Superior Court and Juvenile Court data into the JIS database to meet the provisions of Chapter 246, Laws of 1995, domestic violence prevention; and replacement of the network connecting approximately 200 Washington courts to the host computer in Olympia.

Funding from the state general fund is provided for two new Superior Court judges, one in Thurston County effective July 1, 1996 and one in Chelan/Douglas counties effective January 1, 1997. Four Superior Court judge positions were authorized with the adoption of Chapter 208, Laws of 1996 (SHB 2446); however, one in each jurisdiction will not be filled during the current biennium.

Office of Public Defense

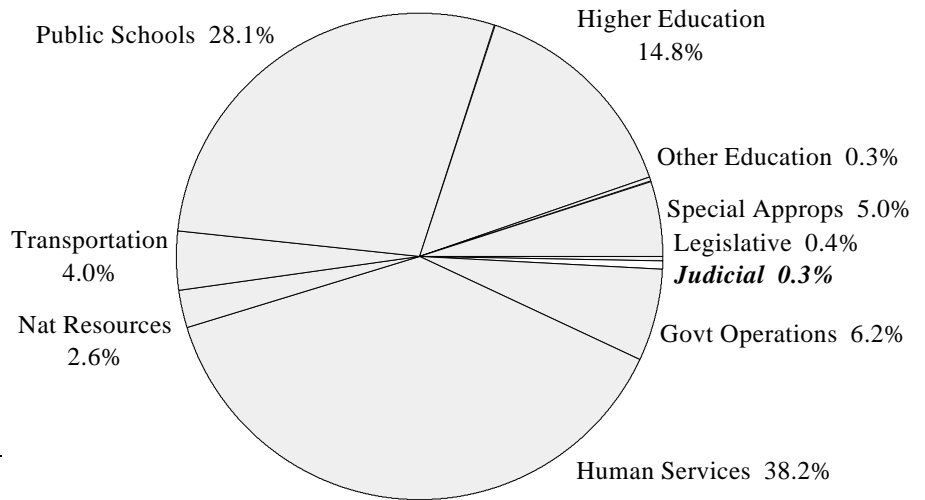
Current funding and staffing for criminal indigent appellate defense are transferred from the Supreme Court and the Office of the Administrator for the Courts to the new Office of Public Defense. The Office is created under Chapter 221, Laws of 1996 (SSB 6189). An amount of \$5.8 million from the Public Safety and Education Account is appropriated to the office for the provision of indigent appellate defense legal services, of which \$5.5 million is a transfer of existing funds from the Supreme Court and the Office of the Administrator for the Courts.

1995-97 Washington State Operating Budget

Total Budgeted Funds

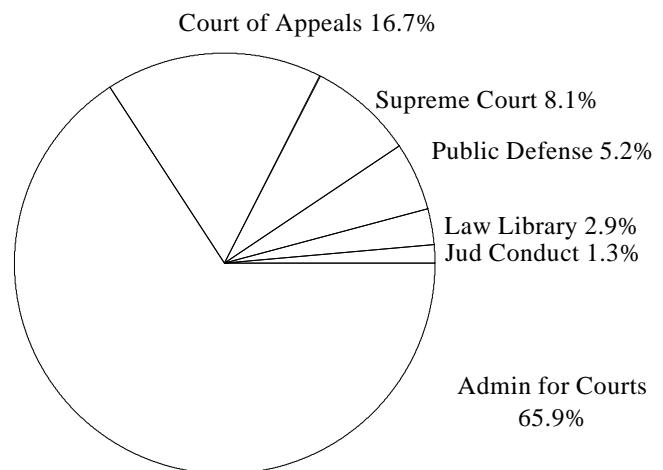
(Dollars in Thousands)

Legislative	112,569
Judicial	111,119
Governmental Operations	1,998,443
Human Services	12,284,095
Natural Resources	834,677
Transportation	1,292,457
Public Schools	9,039,050
Higher Education	4,756,574
Other Education	89,521
Special Appropriations	1,608,460
Statewide Total	32,126,965



Washington State

Admin for the Courts	73,204
Court of Appeals	18,550
Supreme Court	8,955
Office of Public Defense	5,805
State Law Library	3,204
Judicial Conduct Comm	1,401
Judicial	111,119



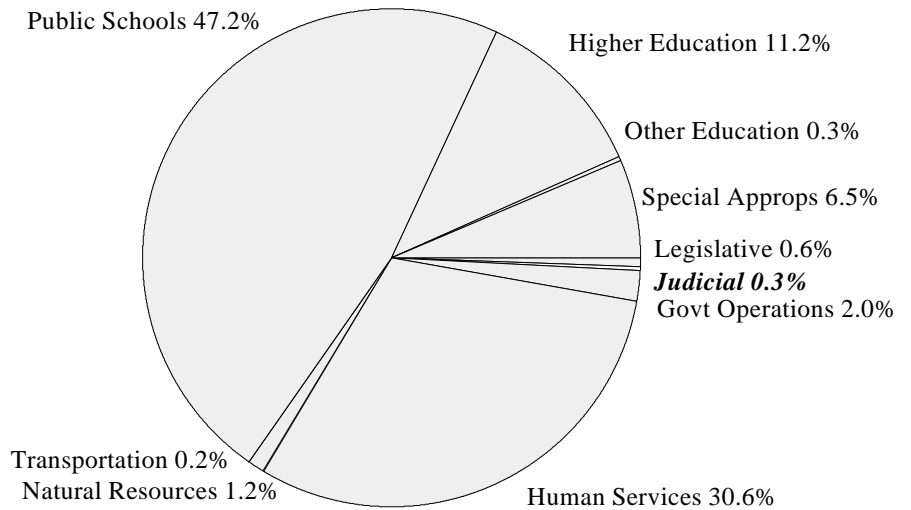
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1995-97 Washington State Operating Budget

General Fund - State

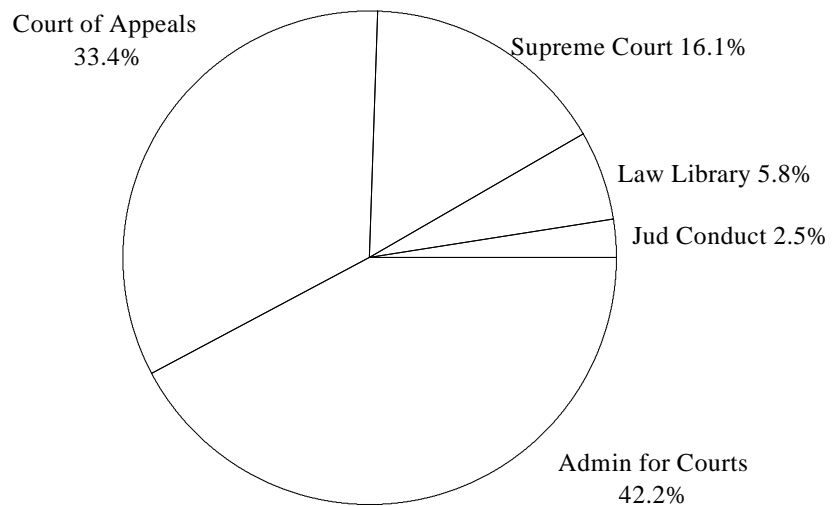
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Legislative	105,076
Judicial	55,600
Governmental Operations	344,699
Human Services	5,394,546
Natural Resources	206,164
Transportation	27,978
Public Schools	8,316,882
Higher Education	1,966,688
Other Education	46,787
Special Appropriations	1,146,957
Statewide Total	17,611,377



Washington State

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Judicial

Supreme Court

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
1995-97 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIONS	8,875	0	8,875
1996 Supplemental Budget			
1. Unemployment and Self-Insurance	23	0	23
2. Equipment and Building Maintenance	112	0	112
3. Interagency Billings	17	0	17
4. Transfer of Indigent Defense	-72	0	-72
Total Supplemental Items	80	0	80
1995-97 REVISED APPROPRIATIONS	8,955	0	8,955
Fiscal Year 1996 Totals	4,419	0	4,419
Fiscal Year 1997 Totals	4,536	0	4,536

Comments:

1. UNEMPLOYMENT AND SELF-INSURANCE - Funding is provided for increased unemployment insurance costs. Self-insurance premiums are funded in interagency billings listed below. This corrects an omission from the original 1995-97 budget.
2. EQUIPMENT AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE - Provides funding for additional cleaning services at the Temple of Justice and for equipment repair and replacement.
3. INTERAGENCY BILLINGS - Adjusts funding for interagency billings including self-insurance premiums and campus facility charges. This corrects an omission from the original 1995-97 budget.
4. TRANSFER OF INDIGENT DEFENSE - Existing funds and staff from the Supreme Court are transferred to the new Office of Public Defense created in Chapter 221, Laws of 1996 (SSB 6189).

State Law Library

(Dollars in Thousands)

	<u>GF-S</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
1995-97 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIONS	3,215	0	3,215
1996 Supplemental Budget			
1. Interagency Billings	<u>-11</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-11</u>
Total Supplemental Items	-11	0	-11
1995-97 REVISED APPROPRIATIONS	3,204	0	3,204
Fiscal Year 1996 Totals	1,607	0	1,607
Fiscal Year 1997 Totals	1,597	0	1,597

Comments:

1. INTERAGENCY BILLINGS - Adjusts funding for interagency billings. This corrects an overstatement in the original 1995-97 budget.

Court of Appeals

(Dollars in Thousands)

	<u>GF-S</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
1995-97 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIONS	17,668	0	17,668
1996 Supplemental Budget			
1. Leases and Other Obligations	271	0	271
2. Division III Judicial Position	370	0	370
3. Non-Judicial Positions	200	0	200
4. Building Maintenance	10	0	10
5. Unemployment Benefits	31	0	31
Total Supplemental Items	882	0	882
1995-97 REVISED APPROPRIATIONS	18,550	0	18,550
Fiscal Year 1996 Totals	9,000	0	9,000
Fiscal Year 1997 Totals	9,550	0	9,550

Comments:

1. LEASES AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS - Funding is provided for contractually-obligated rent increases in Divisions I and II.
2. DIVISION III JUDICIAL POSITION - Funding is provided for a fifth judicial position in Division III, Spokane. The additional judge and staff will address the backlog of cases. Two law clerks and a judicial secretary are also funded to support the new judge. One-time costs of \$70,000 for equipment and capital costs are also included.
3. NON-JUDICIAL POSITIONS - Funding is provided for non-judicial staff to address the Court of Appeals increased workload. Positions included are one staff attorney and one case manager in Division I (Seattle) and one judicial secretary in Division II (Tacoma). These positions are effective July 1, 1996.
4. BUILDING MAINTENANCE - Funding is provided to paint the building housing Division III of the Court of Appeals in Spokane.
5. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - Funding is provided for increases in unemployment insurance claims above what the agency is currently paying. This corrects an omission from the original 1995-97 budget.

Commission on Judicial Conduct

(Dollars in Thousands)

	<u>GF-S</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
1995-97 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIONS	1,201	0	1,201
1996 Supplemental Budget			
1. Additional Hearings/Investigations	200	0	200
Total Supplemental Items	200	0	200
1995-97 REVISED APPROPRIATIONS	1,401	0	1,401
Fiscal Year 1996 Totals	755	0	755
Fiscal Year 1997 Totals	646	0	646

Comments:

1. ADDITIONAL HEARINGS/INVESTIGATIONS - Funding is provided to cover the unanticipated cost of additional fact finding investigations and hearings experienced in the 1995-97 biennium.

Office of the Administrator for the Courts

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
1995-97 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIONS	23,386	47,849	71,235
1996 Supplemental Budget			
1. Replace Court Computer Equipment	0	2,275	2,275
2. Mainframe Computer Upgrade	0	950	950
3. Network Replacement	0	600	600
4. JIS Link Operating Budget	0	600	600
5. JIS Domestic Violence Information	0	1,275	1,275
6. Law Library Automation Project	0	128	128
7. Spokane Co. Clerk Office Conversion	0	100	100
8. Managing Court Proceedings Project	0	150	150
9. Cooperative Automation Projects	0	250	250
10. Court Business Improvement Support	0	157	157
11. Courts/Limited Jurisdiction Project	0	88	88
12. Indigent Appellate Defense	0	726	726
13. Study Child Sexual Abuse	0	35	35
14. Thurston County Superior Ct. Judges	69	0	69
15. Chelan/Douglas Superior Ct. Judges	35	0	35
16. Transfer of Indigent Defense	0	-5,469	-5,469
Total Supplemental Items	104	1,865	1,969
1995-97 REVISED APPROPRIATIONS	23,490	49,714	73,204
Fiscal Year 1996 Totals	11,658	26,791	38,449
Fiscal Year 1997 Totals	11,832	22,923	34,755

Comments:

1. REPLACE COURT COMPUTER EQUIPMENT - Funding is provided to replace aging computer equipment in local courts. An additional ten courts will be added to the District Court Information System (DISCIS) which will bring the total to 153 courts on the system by the end of FY 97. (Judicial Information Systems Account)
2. MAINFRAME COMPUTER UPGRADE - Funding is provided to proceed with a planned upgrade of the court's mainframe computer system. The work is scheduled for FY 97. The upgrade increases capacity and response time. (Judicial Information Systems Account)
3. NETWORK REPLACEMENT - Funding is provided for network replacement. This project allows the court to: migrate to an "open" system architecture; implement client server applications now under development; and continue to support existing terminal equipment. The current network connects approximately 200 Washington courts to the host computer in Olympia. (Judicial Information Systems Account)
4. JIS LINK OPERATING BUDGET - Funding is provided to allow law enforcement agencies to access computerized court records through the JIS-Link program at no cost. (Judicial Information Systems Account)
5. JIS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INFORMATION - Funding is provided to integrate superior court and juvenile court data into the judicial information system database. Currently, this database contains only courts of limited jurisdiction data. Integration is necessary to meet the provisions of Chapter 246, Laws of 1995 (Domestic Violence Prevention) requiring all courts to enter protection and no-contact orders into the judicial information system. (Judicial Information Systems Account)
6. LAW LIBRARY AUTOMATION PROJECT - Funding is provided for automation of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and Law Library in FY 97. (Judicial Information Systems Account)
7. SPOKANE CO. CLERK OFFICE CONVERSION - Funding is provided to convert historical data maintained by the Spokane County clerk to the judicial information system database and to train county staff in the use of the system. Spokane County will contribute \$200,000 toward this project and conversion to the JIS will increase court efficiency and revenues to the Public Safety and Education Account. (Judicial Information Systems Account)
8. MANAGING COURT PROCEEDINGS PROJECT - Funding is provided to automate the scheduling of court proceedings to provide more efficient use of court officers, personnel, and facilities. (Judicial Information Systems Account)
9. COOPERATIVE AUTOMATION PROJECTS - Funding is provided to support a variety of cooperative projects with local jurisdictions that will ultimately be available to courts on a statewide basis. Local courts are required to contribute funding to these projects. (Judicial Information Systems Account)

Office of the Administrator for the Courts

Governor's Vetoes:

10. COURT BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT SUPPORT - Funding is provided for positions left vacant to meet funding reductions made during the 1995 legislative session. Positions include staff in the Information Center, the Court Services section, and the Legal Services section. (Public Safety and Education Account)
11. COURTS/LIMITED JURISDICTION PROJECT - Funding is provided to continue the Courts of Limited Jurisdiction Assessment Project beyond the current March 1996 termination date. (Public Safety and Education Account)
12. INDIGENT APPELLATE DEFENSE - Funding is provided for an increase in court reporter reimbursement costs and one-time case transfer expenses related to the Washington Appellate Defenders Association's decision to terminate indigent defense legal services. Court reporter rates are increased from \$2.25 per page to \$2.75 per page. (Public Safety and Education Account)
13. STUDY CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE - Provides funding for the Office of the Administrator for the Courts to contract with the Washington Institute for Public Policy to conduct a study of protocols and training standards for investigating child sexual abuse. The Institute shall submit a report to the Legislature by December 1, 1996, to include recommendations regarding model protocols and training standards for use by law enforcement agencies. (Violence Reduction and Drug Enforcement Account)
14. THURSTON COUNTY SUPERIOR CT. JUDGES - Provides funding for one new Superior Court judge in Thurston County effective July 1, 1996 as authorized in Chapter 208, Laws of 1996 (SHB 2446). An additional judge position is authorized for Thurston County but will not take effect until July 1, 2000.
15. CHELAN/DOUGLAS SUPERIOR CT. JUDGES - Provides funding for one new Superior Court judge position in Chelan and Douglas counties, effective January 1, 1997 as authorized in Chapter 208, Laws of 1996 (SHB 2446). A second position is authorized for January 1, 1997 but is not expected to be filled during the current biennium.
16. TRANSFER OF INDIGENT DEFENSE - Funds are transferred to the Office of Public Defense, the new agency created by Chapter 221, Laws of 1996 (SSB 6189). Activities related to indigent appellate defense in criminal cases are transferred from the Office of the Administrator for the Courts to the new office. (Public Safety and Education Account)

Superior Court Judges Proviso -- The Governor vetoed section 109(4) of the bill, which identified funding for new Superior Court judges in Thurston, Douglas, and Chelan Counties, contingent on passage of SB 6151 and SB 6495. Because the new judgeships were ultimately authorized by the Legislature in Chapter 208, Laws of 1996 (SHB 2446), the Governor vetoed the proviso, thereby allowing the funding to take effect.

Office of Public Defense

(Dollars in Thousands)

	<u>GF-S</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
1996 Supplemental Budget			
1. Transfer of Indigent Defense	<u>0</u>	<u>5,805</u>	<u>5,805</u>
Total Supplemental Items	0	5,805	5,805
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1995-97 REVISED APPROPRIATIONS	0	5,805	5,805
Fiscal Year 1997 Totals	0	5,805	5,805

Comments:

1. TRANSFER OF INDIGENT DEFENSE - Existing funds are transferred from the Supreme Court and the Administrator for the Courts pursuant to Chapter 221, Laws of 1996 (SSB 6189). The office will provide criminal appellate defense services to indigent persons. (Public Safety and Education Account)